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For: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL AND ITS USE AS AN ENDOPROSTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: Box Missing Parts
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before "FIELD OF INVENTION", please add:

-- REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from provisional
application Serial Number 60/228,081, filed August 25, 2000, which is incorporated
herein by reference to the extent it is consistent with this application. --

Please add after page 34, as the last one (1) page of the Application, the
ABSTRACT, enclosed on a separate page 34 herewith.

REMARKS

**I. APPLICANTS AMENDED SPECIFICATION TO ADD REFERENCE TO A
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND INTRODUCE THE ABSTRACT.**

Applicants amended their specification to add a reference to a provisional
application and to add an ABSTRACT as requested in the Notice to File Missing